



Independent School District #883

Regular School Board Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice, the Rockford Board of Education met in a Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026 in the District Board Room. Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members Johnson, Gordee, Morgan, Hillstrom, and Sjodin were present. Also present was Superintendent Jeff Ridlehoover, RHS Principal Paul Menard, Director of Technology Jeff Kienitz and Administrative Assistant Courtney Neibert. Member Praska joined virtually.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Ridlehoover updated the agenda to switch the Tech Report with the Launch Your Future Presentation

Motion by Gordee seconded by Hillstrom to approve the agenda with the change recommended. On a roll call vote motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Hillstrom, seconded by Gordee to approve the consent items. On a roll call vote motion carried.

- **Minutes:**

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- **Personnel:**

Status	First Name	Last Name	Position	Date(s)
New Hire	Sean-Kevin	Asangue	PT Custodian	March 4, 2026
New Hire	Nolan	Anderson	Baseball Coach	March 16, 2026
Leave	REAMS	Teacher		August 1, 2026
Leave	RHS	Teacher		September 1, 2026
Leave	REAMS	Teacher		September 12, 2026
Resignation	Melanie	Aeshliman	Varsity Dance	March 2, 2026
Resignation	Jersey	Marth	RMS SpEd Paraprofessional	March 27, 2026

- **Bills and Wire Transfers:**

February 2026 Disbursements Paid (listings attached):

Fund 01 General Fund	\$ 560,405.65
Fund 01 Payroll	\$ 454,123.86
Fund 01 BankWest	\$ 100,025.00
Fund 02 Food Service	\$ 177,773.34
Fund 04 Community Services	\$ 10,566.80
Fund 04 CEEd-BWest/KSBank	\$ 2,845.25
Fund 06 Building Construction	\$
Fund 07 Debt Redemption	\$
Fund 21 Student Activities	\$ 12,916.33
Fund 45 OPEB Trust	\$
 Total All Funds	 \$ 1,318,656.23

- **Open Enrollments:**

Resident Students Attending Other Schools

Grade	Non-Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
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Non-Resident Students Attending Rockford

Grade	Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
7	Osseo	279	2/18/2026	NEW ENROLLMENT
K	Isle	473	2/18/2026	NEW ENROLLMENT
2	Osseo	279	2/23/2026	NEW ENROLLMENT
3	Osseo	279	2/23/2026	NEW ENROLLMENT
1	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	2/26/2026	NEW ENROLLMENT
2	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	3/3/2026	NEW ENROLLMENT
7	Columbia Heights	13	2/23/2026	family move--wants to stay enrolled in Rockford
7	St. Paul	625	2/6/2026	family move--wants to stay enrolled in Rockford
5	Anoka-Hennepin	11	3/3/2026	NEW ENROLLMENT

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- **March 2026 Superintendent’s Report:** Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover presented an update on the schools.
- **RHS Rocket Spotlight:** Teacher Polly Trandal was presented the rocket spotlight award.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND GROWTH

- **Activities Celebration:** The board celebrated students that participated in winter sports.
- **RHS Principal Report:** Principal Menard presented to the board on his buildings goals and other things going on at RHS

HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- **EOY Staff Recognition Approval:**The board was presented with the staff recognition program for approval and selected the award selection committee members.

Motion by Hillstrom seconded by Sjodin to approve the staff recognition program as presented. On a roll call vote motion passed unanimously.

Members Johnson, Morgan and Sjodin were selected to serve on the committee.

CULTURE OF COLLECTIVE PURPOSE

- **Launch Your Future Presentation:** Principal Menard presented the Launch Your Future marketing campaign.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

- **Tech Report:** Director Kienitz presented an update on the technology department.

COMMUNITY, SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

- **Resolution of Acknowledgement of Contributions/Donations**

Gordee motioned, seconded by Sjodin, to approve the following resolution as presented:

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 123B.02 permits school boards to “receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. On that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, and for the benefit of pupils thereof.”

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the School Board of Rockford Area Schools, Independent School District 883 that the School Board accepts, with appreciation, the contributions detailed below.

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Fund</i>
Rocket Boosters	\$584.28	Boys Basketball Fund
American Online Giving Foundation	\$49.10	General Fund
Wright Hennepin Electric Coop	\$1,500.00	RHS FFA Fund
Nancy Young	\$500.00	RHS Theater Fund
The Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$48.60	RHS Gift Fund
Culvers of Buffalo	\$481.00	RHS Band/Choir Trip Fund
Rockford Education Foundation	\$926.77	General Fund Donation--RMS MN Outdoors Fire Unit Supplies
Rockford Education Foundation	\$750.00	General Fund Donation--Updated RHS CNA Curriculum Materials
Rockford Education Foundation	\$4,900.00	General Fund Donation--Skills and Knowledge Test for RHS CNA Program
Rockford Education Foundation	\$2,070.45	General Fund Donation--Intro to Athletic Training Course Supplies
Rockford Education Foundation	\$866.96	General Fund Donation (RMS MN Outdoors Fire Unit & RHS Art Room organizers and File Cabinet)

Rockford Education Foundation	\$1,652.00	General Fund Donation (OSHA 10 Certifications for RHS Tech Ed)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$2,523.57	General Fund Donation (RMS Sensory Bags, RHS Supplies for Studying Impact of UV Light on Cells, REAMS All School Song Deposit)
Dixon Family	RMS Donations: Colors of the World Markers, 3 subject notebooks, cardstock; REAMS Donations: Clipboards, Gluesticks, Laminating Sheets, Cordless Vacuum	General Fund Donations (REAMS and RMS)
Arvold Family	RMS Donations: Box of mini deoderants, Electric Pencil Sharpener, Flair Pens; REAMS Donations: Exploring Emotions Game, 1 Interesting Fact a Day Book and Kindness is my Superpower Book	General Fund Donations (REAMS and RMS)
Hutton Family	REAMS Donations: Amie the Doughnut Book; reading temporary tattoos, Finn's Little Fit book, 2 pc. headphone storage, and Playdough	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Nauschultz Family	REAMS Donations: Kinetic Sand, 2 sensory cushions, Rainbow cushions, Classroom set of cushions	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Langemak Family	REAMS Donations: 2 shaving cream containers, light up buttons, sharpie markers, magnets, The Secret Zoo book, hot glue sticks	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Tombers Family	REAMS Donations: Bananagrams, Legos, Playdough, Snacks, and Kinetic Sand	General Fund Donations (REAMS)

On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Gordee, Johnson, Morgan, Hillstrom, Sjodin, and Praska. And the following voted against: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Board of Education Work Session: Monday, April 6, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.

- Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.
- **Board Committee Updates:**
 - Johnson - Board Prep Call, Board Retreat, Corcoran Meeting, MAWSECO meetings, AIPAC Lunch.
 - Gordee - Board Prep, Board Retreat, AMSD meeting, Policy Committee Meeting, Corcoran visit, NorthWest Suburban meeting.
 - Morgan - Finance Committee Meeting, Board Retreat.
 - Hillstrom - SAFF Meeting, Policy Committee Meeting, School Board Retreat, MSBA webinars, AIPAC lunch.
 - Praska - Board Retreat, Policy Committee Meeting.
 - Sjodin - MAWSECO Meeting

Sjodin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. & Gordee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*Courtney Neibert
Recorder*

*Jamie Hillstrom
Clerk*